AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Claims 1-26 (cancelled)

27. (previously added) A method for treating sexual dysfunction in a female subject in need of such treatment, comprising:

(a) providing a vasoactive formulation having an effective dose of a primary vasoactive agent selected from misoprostol and misoprostol acid; and

(b) topically administering the formulation to the clitoris or vagina of the subject for treating sexual dysfunction.

28. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the misoprostol or misoprostol acid is selected from the group consisting of a racemic mixture, an enantiomer in a (+) or (-) R form and an enantiomer in a (+) or (-) S form.

29. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation further comprises a second vasoactive agent in addition to misoprostol or misoprostol acid.

30. (previously amended) A method according to claim 29, wherein the second agent is alprostadil.

31. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation further comprises: a passage accelerator for increasing absorption of at least one of misoprostol and a metabolite of misoprostol and optionally an additional vasodilator.

32. (cancelled)

33. (currently amended) A method according to claim 27 ~~32~~, wherein the formulation further comprises ~~second agent is~~ cyclodextrin.

48. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

an effective dose of misoprostol compound and alprostadil in a topical formulation suitable for application to at least one of the clitoris and the vagina, for promoting tumescence of the clitoris in women suffering from sexual dysfunction, wherein penetration of the alprostadil to underlying tissue is facilitated by the misoprostol compound.

49. (new) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 48 wherein the formulation further comprises a methyl cellulose.

50. (new) A method for treating sexual dysfunction in a female subject in need of such treatment comprising:

providing a vasoactive formulation including a misoprostol or misoprostol acid, but lacking a non-misoprostol penetration enhancer; and

topically administering the formulation to the clitoris or vagina of the subject such that penetration to underlying tissue is facilitated by the misoprostol or/and misoprostol acid for promoting tumescence of the clitoris.

51. (new) A method according to Claim 50 wherein the formulation further comprises alprostadil.

52. (new) A method according to Claim 50 wherein the formulation further comprises cyclodextrin.

53. (new) A method according to Claim 50 wherein the formulation further comprises a gel.

54. (new) A method according to Claim 50 wherein the formulation further comprises a methyl cellulose.

34. (currently amended) A method according to claim 27, wherein treatment of sexual ~~erectile~~ dysfunction further includes enhancement of sexual desire.

35. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation further comprises a galenic preparation.

36. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation is administered as one of a gel, an aqueous solution, an ointment, vaginal ovules and a system of controlled transdermal absorption.

37. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation comprises a gel.

38. (previously amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein the gel contains a polymer having a concentration of less than 4%.

39. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation is administered as a vanishing cream.

40. (previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein the formulation further comprises gelatin.

41. (currently amended) A method for treating sexual dysfunction in a female subject, comprising:

(a) providing a mixture including misoprostol or misoprostol acid, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose and water; and

(b) topically administering the mixture to a female subject.

42. (previously added) A method according to claim 40, wherein the effective dose of misoprostol or misoprostol acid is in the range of 0.3-0.9% w/v and the formulation further includes hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose comprising hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose 3000 at about 4%w/v.

43. (cancelled)

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